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SUBJECT: SALES OF DEFENSE RELATED GOODS BY US FIRMS THROUGH
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1. EMBASSY AND MAAG DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GROC WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO DEAL WITH A THIRD-COUNTRY SIBSIDIARY OF AN AMERICAN FIRM. WE ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE GROC WOULD REQUIRE AN AMERICAN NATIONAL TO REPRESENT AN AMERICAN FIRM--IN FACT SOME US DEFENSE FIRMS ARE PRESENTLY REPRESENTED BY CHINESE CITIZENS. GIVEN THE USG RESTRICTIONS ON SALE OF DEFENSE-RELATED ITEMS WE BELIEVE THE GROC MIGHT SEE (INCORRECTLY) A POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE IN DEALING THROUGH THIRD COUNTRIES IN HOPE OF CIRCUMVENTING SOME USG MUNITIONS CONTROL REGULATIONS.

2. WHILE THERE ARE THIRD-COUNTRY U.S. SUBSIDIARIES OPERATING IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR ON TAIWAN, WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY CASES WHERE A U.S. DEFENSE SUPPLIER IS REPRESENTED IN TAIWAN THROUGH A THIRD-COUNTRY SIBSIDIARY. DEPARTMENT IS PROBABLY AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT IN DISCUSSING PURCHASE OF ITALIAN WEAPONS SYSTEM FOR THE PSMM, THE GROC HAS HAD CONTACTS WITH A U.S. FIRM (I.E. THIRD COUNTRY IN THIS CASE) IN EFFORTS TO PURCHASE ITALIAN
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